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### Heavy shelling erupts near Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Heavy exchanges of shellfire broke out between the Lebanese army and militia in the hills above Beirut Wednesday, military sources said. They said a strategic ridge between the towns of Souk Al Gharb and Kaifoun was engulfed by artillery fire. The sound of explosions carried over the southeastern suburbs of the capital. The ridge has been the scene of repeated clashes between the army and militia led by Druze despite a September ceasefire which ended a three-week mountain war. There were no immediate reports of casualties. Unidentified warplanes flew over the battle zone during the shelling, prompting reports of an air raid, but a Lebanese army spokesman said the reports were incorrect. State-run Beirut Radio said four Israeli planes flew over the east of the country and two U.S. navy fighters passed over the central mountains after midday.

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### U.N. bids for N. Lebanon ceasefire

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Algeria, Egypt, France and Jordan jointly proposed Wednesday a U.N. Security Council resolution deploring the loss of life in the northern Lebanon conflict and requesting an immediate ceasefire. The draft, which was to be considered by the 15-nation body later Wednesday, would invite the parties concerned to settle their differences peacefully and refrain from the threat or use of force. France submitted a request Tuesday for a council meeting on the matter. Jordan is the world body's Arab member. Algeria and Egypt are not council members, but, under the rules, non-members may sponsor resolutions. The four-nation move followed an unsuccessful appeal on Nov. 11 by the president of the council, with the concurrence of the membership, for a halt to the bloodletting in Lebanon, where rival Palestinian factions have been engaged in a bitter struggle.

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### Beirut moves against ties with Iran, Libya

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon has broken diplomatic relations with Iran and "frozen" ties with Libya, an official source said Wednesday. The decision was made by the cabinet at its weekly session, the source said. There was however no official announcement after the cabinet meeting.

### Israel jails 3 Palestinians

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli military court in the occupied West Bank Wednesday jailed three Palestinians for throwing firebombs at Israeli buses, a military spokesman said. The Nabulus military court jailed Hussein Hamdan, 20, for seven years for throwing four firebombs at Israeli buses in February and April. Farhi Abdul Hadi, 18, and Mohammad Uda, 22, were both imprisoned for five years.

### Israel closes Awali bridge

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — Israel cut the main link between north and south Lebanon Wednesday after automatic gunfire was heard in the area, eyewitnesses said. They refused to let pedestrians and cars cross the Awali River bridge, just north of here, normally used by an estimated 10,000 people daily. The source of the gunfire was not known and an Israeli military spokesman in Sidon was not available for comment.

### Iraq receives Soviet message

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Wednesday received a letter from the Soviet leadership on bilateral relations and the Middle East, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. INA said the Soviet ambassador to Baghdad, Victor Minin, delivered the letter during a meeting also attended by Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz who was in Moscow last week.

### Mohieddin reiterates support for Iraq

BAGHDAD (R) — Egyptian Prime Minister Fuad Mohieddin was quoted Wednesday as saying his country continued to support Iraq in the international arena and that Iraq did not want to end the Gulf war with Iraq. In an interview with the Baghdad Al Iraq newspaper, Mr. Mohieddin was quoted as saying Iran's continued rejection of all Islamic and international initiatives to find a peaceful solution to the 38-month-old Gulf war showed "Iran does not want to end the war."

### French contingent comes under attack

BEIRUT (R) — Unknown attackers hurled a grenade at a truck belonging to the French contingent of the multi-national peace-keeping force Wednesday but no one was hurt, a French spokesman said. Lieutenant-Colonel Philippe de Longueux said the attack happened as the truck crossed the bridge linking the Christian and Muslim sectors of the capital.

### Jibril, rejecting mediation, sets deadline for PLO leader to quit

## Arafat loyalists say agreement reached to end Tripoli fighting

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Aides to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Wednesday they had agreed in principle to a package of Saudi-Syrian proposals to end inter-Palestinian fighting around the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli.

One aide, Ahmad Abdul Rahman, told reporters the package included a ceasefire, the withdrawal of all Palestinian fighters from northern Lebanon and an agreement to save the unity of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) by dialogue.

Asked if he thought anti-Arafat rebels pressing in on loyalists around Tripoli would also accept it, he said: "If Syria tells them to stop they will stop. They are the servants of the Syrian regime."

However, Ahmad Jibril, the Palestinian officer leading the rebels in northern Lebanon, told reporters earlier: "There are no negotiations. We have turned down all mediation attempts."

Mr. Jibril, leader of the Syrian-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PLFP-GC), said Mr. Arafat and his men had three more days to admit defeat and leave Tripoli unconditionally.

If Mr. Arafat remained "we will choose any way to enter Tripoli," he said.

Mr. Abdul Rahman, the senior loyalist spokesman, said the package implied Mr. Arafat would leave Tripoli, his last stronghold since two nearby refugee camps fell to the rebels last week.

"One condition is the withdrawal of all forces and surely he is one of our forces," he said.

He added that Mr. Arafat still insisted on guarantees, which he would spell out in detail at an urgent meeting of four Arab heads of state or foreign ministers.

Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Tunisia and the PLO would take part in this summit in an attempt to heal the rift in the Palestinian movement, he said.

The meeting would take place within days but he did not know the venue.

Mr. Abdul Rahman said the package was worked out in Damascus Tuesday at a meeting between the Syrian and Saudi foreign ministers, Abdul Halim Khaddam and Prince Saud Al Faisal.

Two senior loyalist officials, Rafiq Naishe and Khaled Al Hassan, had gone to Damascus to follow up the talks.

Jibril rejects compromise

Mr. Jibril indicated, however, that the rebels were in no mood to compromise with Mr. Arafat.

whom he described as a "traitor to his people and a puppet of conservative Arab governments."

He said the rebels hoped to bring Mr. Arafat to trial before a revolutionary court to account for what he called his "deviationism and questionable tendencies."

"Even if he fled to Tunis, we would pursue him... there are no longer any bridges between us and him," he said.

Mr. Jibril, a former officer in the Syrian armed forces, was speaking in Baddawi refugee camp, three kilometers north of Tripoli and the focus of the fighting for much of last week.

The Palestinian civilians in the camp, many of whom spent almost three weeks in underground shelters, said it was a tragedy that Palestinians should be fighting their countrymen.

"The only people to benefit from this are the enemies of the Palestinian people," said Ahmad Dihadi, a 45-year-old refugee already driven out of three camps by war.

The civilians said they sympathized with Mr. Arafat on the grounds that he symbolised the Palestinian cause.

Life returns to normal

Life had returned almost to normal in the ramshackle camp and in the city of Tripoli, where shops began to open and people emerged on to the streets.

The main coast road to Baddawi was open to traffic and safe for the

first time in more than a week, with only a handful of fighters manning the earth ramparts of the front line.

Mr. Arafat's men held a line about 150 metres north of the Abu Ali River, with the rebels 600 metres farther north in the apartment blocks of the Mankoubin quarter.

Two Soviet-made T-54 tanks lurked behind the wall of red earth, one of them a Syrian tank captured by the loyalists.

The rebels, who broke with Mr. Arafat six months ago, have also penetrated the north-eastern suburbs of the city, linking up with their allies in the pro-Syrian Alawite Muslim community.

The rebel advance ended Tuesday morning and the only incidents since have been sniper fire and occasional shelling, residents said.

Near Baddawi, the remains of three oil storage tanks at the Tripoli refinery were still ablaze.

In Beirut, a cabinet statement called on the rival Palestinian armies to leave Tripoli and all Lebanon. It reminded them that they agreed to leave last year as part of the U.S.-sponsored evacuation deal which ended the Israeli siege of west Beirut.

Mr. Arafat has said the deal is no longer valid because the United States failed to protect the Palestinian civilians who died at the hands of Israeli-backed rightist gunmen in the refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila.

But during talks with Farouk Kaddoumi, a senior aide to embattled PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, the Soviet minister praised Syria and appeared to have avoided criticising support it has given to anti-Arafat rebels.

The official news agency TASS said Mr. Gromyko expressed Moscow's "deep concern over the unprovoked fratricidal clashes between the Palestinians, irrespective of their causes."

The minister said he hoped common sense would prevail and lead to a peaceful settlement of the dispute within the mainstream Fateh group which has led to fierce fighting in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli.

"Any differences in the ranks of the Palestinians can and must be overcome by political methods. On its part, the Soviet Union will continue contributing to that end in every way possible," Mr. Gromyko added.

According to Arab diplomats, Mr. Gromyko at a meeting with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam two weeks ago criticised Syria's backing for the rebels.

But according to the TASS report of Wednesday's talks, the Soviet minister made no mention of Syria's role

## Jordan, Iraq keen to maintain legitimate leadership of PLO

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Jordan and Iraq Wednesday emphasised their keenness on safeguarding the legitimate Palestinian leadership and voiced their absolute support for maintaining the independent Palestinian decision making free from any external influence and hegemony. This was expressed by His Majesty King Hussein and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq at a meeting held in Baghdad Wednesday.

Both leaders called for concerted Arab efforts to stop the Palestinian bloodshed and to end the tragedy of the Palestinian people in northern Lebanon.

At a meeting held immediately upon the King's arrival in the Iraqi capital, the two leaders reviewed the various dangers facing the Arab Nation in the light of the new developments in the Middle East region and also the onslaught on the Palestinian camps in Lebanon

and in Tripoli, and the "barbaric crimes committed there by certain Arab quarters against the Palestinian and their legitimate leadership the Palestine Liberation Organisation."

King Hussein and President Hussein also reviewed the developments at the Iraqi-Iranian war front. The Iraqi president briefed the King in detail on the military situation stressing the "Iraqi armed forces' full ability to repel aggression launched by the Iranian regime."

King Hussein voiced his "pride" in the heroic stand of the Iraqi army and people, and praised their "defence of the Arab Nation and their firm stand in the face of Iranian ambitions."

King Hussein arrived in Baghdad at noon Wednesday and was met by President Hussein and senior Iraqi officials.

King Hussein is accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khamash and Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid.

Upon the King's departure from Amman, he was seen off by His Highness Prince Mohammad, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, speakers of the Upper House of Parliament and the National Consultative Council. Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, cabinet members, senior officials and high ranking army officers.

Before the King's departure, Crown Prince Hassan was sworn in as Regent.

A royal decree was issued Wednesday appointing Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh as acting prime minister.

## Soviet Union walks out of Geneva missile talks

GENEVA (R) — The Soviet Union Wednesday walked out of talks in Geneva with the United States on limiting medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, but U.S. spokesmen confirmed that the next session of parallel U.S.-Soviet negotiations in the Swiss city on long-range strategic missiles would go ahead as planned next Tuesday, a week after the last one.

The walkout occurred just before the Bonn government, fresh from winning a parliamentary vote Tuesday night approving deployment of 204 new U.S. missiles in West Germany, said the first of the new weapons were arriving on German soil Wednesday.

Soviet chief negotiator Yuli Kvisinsky left Wednesday's Geneva meeting after about 20 minutes and said in a press statement: "The present round of negotiations has been discontinued and no date has been set for a resumption."

But in Washington, Mr. Reagan said as he left the White House for a Thanksgiving Day weekend holiday in California that he could not believe the walkout was permanent.

"We will be ready to continue whenever they are ready to come back," he said, adding that the U.S. would make every effort to

see the talks were continued. The U.S. mission in Geneva described the walkout as unjustified and unfortunate. But a U.S. spokesman confirmed that the next session of parallel U.S.-Soviet negotiations in the Swiss city on long-range strategic missiles would go ahead as planned next Tuesday, a week after the last one.

U.S. chief negotiator Paul Nitze, speaking four hours after the walkout, told reporters he could not predict whether Moscow would return to the medium-range talks.

But, he added, the U.S. hoped the Soviet side would conclude "it is in their interest, as well as in our interest and in the world's interest, that the negotiations resume."

The Soviet news agency TASS reported the walkout without comment. Its brief report repeated Mr. Kvisinsky's statement.

But an earlier TASS commentary indicated that the Bonn parliamentary vote in favour of deploying 108 Pershing-2 and 96 cruise missiles in West Germany was behind the Soviet move in Geneva. The commentary reiterated Soviet warnings of retaliation against the new NATO

deployments in Europe. In Bonn, chief government spokesman Peter Bönisch told a news conference the first Pershing parts were arriving Wednesday.

Mr. Bönisch also expressed his government's "great regret" at the Soviet Union's decision to leave the Geneva talks. "This is a unilateral step for which Moscow is alone responsible," he said.

NATO capitals optimistic

The reaction was much the same in other NATO capitals, where officials generally hoped the walkout was only temporary.

A total of 572 new U.S. missiles are due for eventual deployment in West Germany, Italy, Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands, but West Germany is the only one to receive the much faster Pershing-2s.

In London, the British government said it profoundly regretted the breakdown and sincerely hoped the negotiations would resume early next year.

Britain repeated it was ready to halt or reverse deployment of cruise missiles if agreement could be reached at Geneva.

## Global tension alarms Commonwealth

NEW DELHI (R) — Commonwealth government leaders Wednesday considered sending special emissaries to Washington and Moscow to express rising concern over superpower tensions.

Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who has described East-West relations as "dangerously confrontational," urged a 48-nation Commonwealth summit to launch a new effort for peace.

Mr. Trudeau proposed nuclear nations should freeze their arsenals or accept a weapons ceiling, and called for a worldwide pledge

by other countries to renounce the acquisition of nuclear arms, conference sources said.

President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia said a group of Commonwealth leaders should go to the United States and the Soviet Union soon to urge fresh efforts for dialogue and arms control. No decision is likely until the end of the seven-day meeting.

The Commonwealth debate on world tensions coincided with an abrupt Soviet walkout in Geneva after two years of deadlocked negotiations on limiting European-based nuclear missiles.

But news of the Geneva breakdown reached New Delhi too late to be discussed, officials said.

Mr. Trudeau also proposed a meeting of the five nuclear powers, the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China.

But British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher questioned whether such a meeting was timely and said any such talks would require careful preparation, conference sources said.

No magic formula to solve economic crises, Thatcher tells Delhi summit, page 7

## Damascus denies U.S. accusation

DAMASCUS (R) — Damascus Radio Wednesday strongly denied Syrian involvement in the suicide truck bombing which killed 239 people at the U.S. Marine headquarters in Beirut last month as false and unobjective.

U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger told a news conference in Washington Tuesday night that the bombing had been carried out by Syrians and authorised by the Syrian government.

Damascus Radio said: "The accusation by the U.S. administration that Syria was behind the bombing of the Marines' headquarters in Beirut is false, unobjective and contrary to facts."

The state-controlled radio said in a commentary that U.S. officials had "a strong desire to illustrate that Syria was behind the blast although Syria had no connection with it."

## N.Korean general ordered Rangoon blast, court hears

RANGOON (R) — A North Korean general ordered three army officers to assassinate South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan in a bomb attack in Rangoon, Burma's police chief Thein Aung said Wednesday.

He was giving evidence at the trial of two North Koreans on murder charges arising out of the Oct. 9 bomb attack that killed 21 people, including four South Korean cabinet ministers.

He said one of the North Koreans, Kang Min-Chul, 28, had confessed that he was a captain in a reconnaissance company led by the other accused, Major Zin Mo. A general named Kang Chang-Su had ordered them and another captain, Sin Ki-Chol, to carry out the bomb attack, the police chief quoted Kang as saying.

Mr. Thein was secretary of an inquiry into the bombing which ruled earlier this month that North Korea was responsible. Burma then withdrew recognition of the North Korean government.

Mr. Thein said the three North

Korean officers, one of whom was shot dead evading capture, stayed in the house of a North Korean diplomat in Rangoon while planning the attack.

Kang had indicated the house of North Korean Embassy Counsellor Chon Chang-Hui on a map and identified it as the house where they had hidden for about two weeks before the attack.

Mr. Thein quoted Kang as saying the three officers arrived in Rangoon by ship on Sept. 22 or 23.

On Oct. 8 they planted three remote-controlled bombs in the roof of the capital's Martyrs' Mausoleum where President Chun and other South Korean officials were due to attend a wreath-laying ceremony the next day.

Two of the bombs were placed over the tomb of General Aung San, where President Chun was due to stand. The North Koreans waited near the mausoleum and Major Zin Mo detonated the explosives when he thought the guests had entered, Kang said.

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# HOME NEWS AND MIDDLE EAST

## Evren expected Dec. 3

AMMAN (R) — Turkish President Kenan Evren will pay an official visit to Jordan in the first week of next month, a Turkish embassy spokesman said here Wednesday.

He did not give the date for the visit, which is in return for a visit to Turkey paid by His Majesty King Hussein a year ago, but informed sources said it would start on Dec. 3.

Turkish officials here said the two countries have long enjoyed close relations, rooted in a friendship between Turkey's founder Kemal Ataturk and the late King Abdullah. King Hussein's grandfather.

They signed a friendship agreement in 1947 and, during a visit to Turkey last July by Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan, concluded two more pacts on labour and cultural cooperation.

There are about 4,000 Turks working in Jordan, while, on the trade front, Jordan imports Turkish foodstuffs and Turkey bought 124,000 tonnes of Jordanian phosphates this year.

Three Turkish firms are also engaged in building a cement plant, a sewage treatment extension project and housing for military personnel in Jordan, the officials said.

## Trip delayed amidst customs row reports

CAIRO (R) — A visit by Egypt's Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Mustafa Kamel Saïd to Jordan has been postponed until late December amidst reports in diplomatic quarters of a dispute over customs tariffs.

Egypt's official Middle East News Agency (MENA) announced the postponement of the visit, which had been due to start Friday, but gave no reason.

Jordanian diplomats said the delay might be linked with a row between Jordan and Egypt over tariffs.

They said Egypt and Jordan signed a trade protocol last April to scrap regular tariffs on Jordanian and Egyptian goods.

But the diplomats said Egypt continued to extract customs fees on Jordanian goods. As a retaliatory move, Jordan froze the agreement, they added.

No immediate comment from Egyptian officials was available.

The announcement of Saïd's visit by MENA last week was made as a rapprochement between Egypt and other Arab states seemed to be gathering pace. Jordan, like most of the Arab World, broke diplomatic relations with Cairo when Egypt signed its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

## Princess Sarvath opens vocational training centre

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Highness Princess Sarvath, honorary president of the Young Women Muslim Association (YWMA), Tuesday opened the vocational training section at the YWMA's private education centre.

The YWMA deputy president, Mrs. Khawlah Abu Odeh, made a speech at the outset of the inauguration ceremony in which she said that the centre, which was opened by His Majesty King Hussein three years ago, only included a kindergarten. After equipping the centre with the new vocational

section, it can now accommodate 27 handicapped students aged between 15-20 years who will receive various vocational training in handicrafts, music, home economy amongst others.

Princess Sarvath later toured the various sections of the centre.

The ceremony was attended by Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh, Minister of Social Development Ina'am Al Mufidi, a number of members of the diplomatic corps and their wives in addition to a number of other invited guests.

## Hassan meets Catholic bishops

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent conferred in his office Wednesday with a delegation of eight Roman Catholic bishops from the Middle East area who have been holding episcopal meetings in Amman.

Prince Hassan discussed with the bishops Islamic-Christian relations in general, stressing the importance of bolstering brotherly ties of cooperation between Christians and Muslims, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

It said that the Prince also stressed the need for pursuing a Christian-Islamic dialogue and for mounting the extra efforts needed to confront the common challenges.

The bishops' meeting under the chairmanship of Roman Catholic

Patriarch of Jerusalem Jacobo Beltrui, groups Roman Catholic Bishop of Amman Salim Sayegh and those from Egypt, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Somalia, Djibouti, Iraq and Cyprus.

The meetings that started Monday are devoted to discussing peace and religious affairs.

The bishops' meeting is expected to end Friday.

## Arab thinkers to attend democracy talks

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A seminar entitled the Crisis of Democracy in the Arab World will be held in Limassol, Cyprus from Nov. 26 to Dec. 1.

The seminar is being organised by the Arab Unity Studies Centre and will be attended by 107 key personalities, researchers and intellectuals in a personal capacity.

A total of 20 research projects will be submitted to the seminar dealing with: Concepts of democracy, Arab thinking and democracy, forms of democratic life in the Arab World, case studies in democracy, and democracy and its present problems as well as its challenges in the future.

Among the projects to be submitted will be one about the experience of democracy in Jordan, to be compiled and presented to the seminar by Dr. Jamal Al-Sha'ir, a former cabinet minister and National Consultative Council member.

Among the leading Jordanian and Palestinian personalities who will attend the seminar are: Dr. Halim Barakat, Hamad Al Farhan, Dr. Khalidoun Al Hosari, Suleiman Al Hadidi, Amin Shuqair, Burhan Al Dajani, Dr. Taher Kan'an, Dr. Jamal Al-Sha'ir, Jamil Matar, Dr. Ali Mahafzah, Dr. Munther Anabawi, Omar Nabulsi, Hani Al Hassan, Dr. Hisham Al Sharabi and Dr. Yusef Sayegh.

Dr. Sha'ir told the Jordan Times that the centre holds seminars every six months in different Arab capitals. "Last November the seminar was held in Jordan," he said.

Concerning the coming seminar, Sha'ir said that the main topic that the seminar will tackle is the issue of parliamentary life in the Arab World.

Dr. Sha'ir said that a group of Arab intellectuals will suggest the formation of an Arab Association of Human Rights.

"The main goal of such an association will be to exchange information about the violation of human rights in the Arab countries," Dr. Sha'ir said. He added that the association will cooperate with Amnesty International.

Dr. Sha'ir pointed out that some Jordanians who will attend the seminar "home in mind" to submit a proposal calling for the creation of a League of Arab Democrats.

He did not elaborate on this point but said that "I think this is a more solid step which will include human rights issues as well as tackling the problem of nationalist thought which has been facing difficulties for the last half century," Dr. Sha'ir said.

"This has resulted in the endless conflicts and repeated failures to solve central and inter-Arab problems especially the parliamentary process as a step towards building a national programme."

Dr. Sha'ir explained that the seminar will deliberately be held in Cyprus because "it is a neutral country" so that the seminar will not be influenced by the atmosphere of a non neutral country. Concerning the paper that he is going to submit to the seminar, Dr. Sha'ir said that it is about the constitutional and democratic life in Jordan from different perspectives, such as the development of the parliamentary and judicial and press life.

"I've reached the conclusion that the efforts to make the parliamentary process succeed in Jordan are genuine and stem from the demographic, geographic and historical nature of Jordan," he said.

## Rossi-Longhi speaks on eve of Pertini visit

## Envoy: Italy admires Jordan's constructive role

By Ara Voskian  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Italian President Sandro Pertini's visit to Jordan, which is scheduled to begin Nov. 26, is a recognition of the role which Jordan has played in trying to find a peaceful solution of the Middle East problem, the Italian Ambassador to Jordan, Marquis Fabrizio Rossi-Longhi, said Tuesday.



Sandro Pertini

Speaking at a press conference in his residence about Mr. Pertini's three-day official visit to Jordan, the Italian ambassador said: "We have admired the constructive role that His Majesty (King Hussein) has played in this direction (peace in the Middle East) in his contacts abroad as well as that of his closest aides including His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan."

The ambassador voiced his government's support for the American initiatives for peace in the Middle East, "which we would have been happy to have seen followed up."

On Israeli settlement policy in the occupied Arab territories, Mr. Rossi-Longhi said that the Italian government has always been against the Israeli "pursuit of this policy and we feel that it does hinder the prospects of peaceful solution. It is a pity that we have not succeeded in getting at least what the Americans have asked for, the freeing of the settlements."

Mr. Pertini twice postponed the visit to Jordan, the first time due to a government crisis in Rome and on the second occasion because it coincided with King Hussein's visit to the Far East.

Mr. Pertini will be accompanied by the Italian foreign minister and high ranking government officials.

According to the Italian ambassador, Mr. Pertini has always had in mind this particular visit as an essential element in his mandate at the presidency.

On Jordanian-Italian cooperation, the ambassador said that, during the passed years, it had centred both in the social, economic and industrial fields.

He also added that economic cooperation and Italian contribution to the Jordanian development projects will be discussed during the delegation's visit to Jordan.

"We deeply appreciate Jordan's policy of moderation which makes it a sound country to invest in and a country whose balanced example we hope that others might follow", the ambassador said.

At present Italy is participating in two major projects in Jordan. One is the Aqaba Thermal Power Station where they are providing the turbines, and the second is in the South Ghor where the Italian firm Impisat has begun phase one of an irrigation programme which, in the long run, may include an extension of the Jordan Valley towards south of the Dead Sea.

"As far as future activities are concerned, we will continue to look with interest at all forms which might put greater value into Jordan's resources, be they agricultural, mineral or whatever," the ambassador said.

## Technology accord due to be signed

AMMAN (Petra) — Secretary-general of the Jeddah-based Islamic institution for science and technology, Dr. Ali Kattanah, is due here Sunday on a two-day official visit to Jordan during which he will sign a joint scientific and technological cooperation agreement.

## Farmers prosecuted for using wastewater irrigation on crops

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has fined Mohammad Abdullah Al Daghestani JD 200 and ordered the destruction of his crops for irrigating them with wastewater.

The court also fined Ahmad Al Yamani JD 100 and ordered his vegetables to be destroyed because they were grown on land irrigated with wastewater. The court in another case sentenced Sami Al Qutob to six months in prison for trying to exploit his official position for personal benefit. He will also have to pay JD 10 fine.

The sentences were Wednesday endorsed by the military governor.

## Jewel thieves apprehended

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jewellery worth JD 100,000 that was stolen here six months ago has been retrieved from Egypt and the thieves apprehended, according to a report in Al Rai' Wednesday.

It said that, thanks to cooperation between Interpol and the Egyptian and Jordanian security authorities, the thieves were arrested recently in the Egyptian town of Mansoura and are awaiting trial there.

## British diplomat to leave

AMMAN (J.T.) — The political counsellor at the British Embassy here, Mr. David Easton, will leave Jordan on Nov. 25 at the conclusion of his posting.

He will take up a new appointment in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London early in 1984.

Mr. Easton arrived in Jordan in September 1980.

In addition to his official duties, Mr. Easton was a member of the board of directors at the International Community School at Khilda throughout his stay in Jordan, and was chairman of the board from February 1981 onwards.

Mr. Easton and his wife, Julie, will be making brief stopovers in Cairo and Istanbul on their way home, before rejoining their four children, who are all at boarding school in England.

Mr. Easton's successor, Mr. David Spedding, arrived here recently with his wife, Jill.

The Speddings have two sons, both at school in England.

## Tripoli civilians pay price of war

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Haithem Naim Nasser, 11, used to be athletic, his mother said by his hospital bed.

Now the Palestinian boy has only one leg.

A shell hit his home in the Nahr Al-Bared refugee camp northeast of here on Nov. 4, the second day of three weeks of clashes between Palestinian fighters.

The shell wounded his brother in the arm and blew the head off his four-year-old cousin, Haithem's injuries were so severe that a surgeon had to amputate his leg and remove much of his intestines.

Now, more than two weeks later, the brown-haired boy lay in a makeshift hospital run in a school building in Tripoli by the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in a school.

On the pillow next to his head were a small red fire truck and a yellow racing car. He smiled. But because of a bladder infection, he screamed with pain when he tried to urinate.

He and his mother were just told that the government of Norway would fly him to Oslo to have an artificial leg put on and be trained to walk.

The doctor who operated on him, Canadian Chris Giannou, 34, of Toronto, said Haithem was doubly lucky to be alive.

He was taken pulseless to a hospital in the Baddawi refugee camp, some 12 kilometres from Nahr Al-Bared. In four hours 180 wounded had already crowded the hospital, in which there were only two surgeons.

A Swedish intensive care nurse pumped his chest and worked on him for two hours, "to breathe life into him," said doctor Giannou.

A boy his size normally has three litres of blood. But during the operation on his leg and intestines, he was losing blood so fast he had to receive four litres, the doctor said.

Haithem's family only moved to Nahr Al-Bared last year. They escaped the Shatila refugee camp in Beirut during a massacre of Palestinian civilians.

After his operation, he was moved to Tripoli, thought at the time to be safer than Baddawi.

The boy was one of more than 2,000 wounded in the fighting, according to figures from the international committee of the Red Cross. His cousin was one of more than 500 killed.

Two beds over from Haithem in the crowded hospital was 16-year-old Khoda Mahmood Awad. She was shot in the leg on Sunday at Nahr Al-Bared for demonstrating for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The camp fell to Palestinians who are rebelling against Mr. Arafat's leadership with backing from Syria. But she, like thousands of others in refugee camps in the Arab World, did not agree with the dissidents.

In a demonstration at the entrance to the camp, Khoda was carrying a picture of Arafat. Suddenly, a car drove up and shot her and 10 others, two of whom died, she said.

The rebels and their guns have now reached the gates of Tripoli, a city of about 500,000 civilians, many like Haithem and Khoda.

It has already seen thousands of shells and rockets rain on the city and has endured years of internal strife. It awaits an uncertain future.

## Cyprus Greek Orthodox church starts campaign

NICOSIA (R) — Cyprus' Greek Orthodox church has launched a campaign to raise funds for defence in reaction to last week's declaration of independence by Turkish Cypriots.

The church's archbishopric said in a statement the holy synod, its supreme governing body, would start the campaign to raise extra finance for the Greek Cypriot national guard with a donation of 100,000 Cyprus pounds (\$200,000).

It said the decision was taken at a meeting of the holy synod Tuesday, chaired by Archbishop Chrysostomos who succeeded the late President Archbishop Makarios as head of the independent Cyprus church.

Church sources said the defence fund would parallel a similar move in the U.S. where the Greek Orthodox archbishopric of the Americas and three other Greek-American organisations have decided to pool resources to raise funds for the Greek lobby campaign for Cyprus.

The Greek Orthodox Church in the U.S. gave a first instalment of \$100,000 to the lobby fund, they said.

The church-backed campaign in Cyprus follows press reports of schoolchildren and individuals making donations to the ministry of interior and defence for the national guard.

The 8,000-strong national guard consists mostly of conscripts who serve a compulsory two years. Each soldier is paid only eight pounds (\$16) a month during that time.

It was placed on a low level of alert following last week's declaration of independence by Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş, but there has been little indication of unusual military activity or tension on the island.

The government has rejected the use of force as a means to solve the Cyprus problem and has been careful to avoid any confrontation on the "green line" dividing Cyprus.

The official Cyprus Gazette Tuesday banned game shooting in villages close to what it called "the confrontation line" to avoid misunderstandings over gunfire in sensitive areas.

## Greeks believe Exocet sank their ship in Gulf

ATHENS (R) — A Greek shipping firm whose ship was sunk in the Gulf on Monday has concluded it must have been struck by a French-made Exocet missile, a senior source in the company said Wednesday.

The source at Stravelakis Company said the crew of the Antigone, sunk in the same area off the Iranian coast where Iraq said its air force had that day destroyed seven "enemy" ships, had spotted the missile around eight kilometres away from the ship and said it seemed to be four to five metres long.

The crew all escaped unhurt in a lifeboat.

The missile was smoking as it struck the ship low in the hold, and made a tremendous impact. "The crewmen said it felt like an earthquake," the source, who declined to be identified further, added. "It must have been an Exocet," he said.

A huge explosion, which broke the 12,550-ton bulk carrier in two, occurred five to 10 minutes after the missile struck, he added. By this time the crew were 500 metres away in the lifeboat.

The source said it had not been possible to be certain from the crew's account whether the missile was fired from land or from a plane.

He said the crew compared 11

## 1 missing in Abu Dhabi chopper crash

ABU DHABI (R) — One man was still missing Wednesday after a police helicopter with four people aboard crashed into the sea shortly after takeoff from Abu Dhabi airport Tuesday night, an interior ministry spokesman said.

The other three men, including the commander of the interior ministry's air unit, Maj. Khalifa Rashid, were rescued by a boat which happened to be near the scene of the crash, northeast of the airport, the spokesman said. They suffered only slight injuries.

## Weinberger alleges Syrian, Iranian role in Beirut attack

WASHINGTON (R) — Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said the bomb attack against U.S. Marines in Beirut on Oct. 23 was carried out by Iranians and authorised by the Syrian government.

It was the most direct accusation by a senior Reagan administration official linking Syria to the attack on the Marine headquarters which killed 239 people.

Mr. Weinberger Tuesday told a press conference: "We have a pretty good idea of the general route from which they came, and as I said ... they were basically Iranians, with the sponsorship, knowledge and authority of the Syrian government."

In response to a question, however, he declined to call the suicide truck bombing an "act of war" by Syria.

Previous U.S. statements on the bombing, in which a truck laden with explosives was driven into Marine headquarters at Beirut airport, said Syria bore some responsibility because the truck came from behind Syrian lines.

He said he based his accusation of Iranian and Syrian involvement on continuing reports from U.S. investigators in Lebanon.

Secretary of State George Shultz said last month: "Syria must bear a share of responsibility for any Iranian actions in Lebanon whether or not Syria knew of specific terrorist plans."

Asked about President Reagan's promise that those responsible for the bombing would be punished once they were identified, Mr. Weinberger said he did not believe anything Mr. Reagan had said indicated there would be U.S. retaliation.

He would not say if retaliatory strikes against targets in Lebanon by France, whose peace-keeping troops were also hit by a suicide attack, were made on behalf of the United States as well.

French forces, which suffered 59 deaths in the Oct. 23 attack on their camp, struck at a pro-Iranian Shi'ite militant group in Lebanon, the same group the United States believes carried out the bombing of the Marine barracks.



Caspar Weinberger

## Ex-Iranian minister's son executed

TEHRAN (R) — The son of a former Iranian minister under the shah has been executed in Iran on charges of spying and helping tribal rebels, the newspaper Kayhan reported.

The newspaper's report suggested but did not spell out that the rebels had been linked to the United States.

Kayhan named the man executed as Sassan Ahmad Kazemi, son of Manouchehr Kazemi who was minister of agriculture and natural resources in the cabinet appointed by the shah just before he fled Iran in January 1979.

Kayhan quoted the Islamic revolutionary prosecutor in the southern city of Shiraz as saying Kazemi had confessed under interrogation to acting as a link in mid-1981 between rebels from the Qashqari tribe and people abroad.

## Turkey's new parliament to be sworn in today

ANKARA (R) — Turkey's first elected parliament since the 1980 military coup convenes Thursday, but a new government due to be headed by former economy chief Turgut Ozal may not take office for at least another 10 days.

The 599 members successful in the Nov. 6 general election — including 211 from Mr. Ozal's conservative Motherland Party — will assemble at parliament in the centre of Ankara for swearing-in ceremonies in mid-afternoon.

Officials say they are expected then to adjourn until Dec. 4 when they will return to elect a speaker and parliamentary officers.

Although official sources say present Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu will hand in his resignation to President Kenan Evren Thursday, Mr. Ozal is unlikely to take over immediately.

According to the constitution, he cannot be called on to form a government until after the speaker and his officers are appointed, leading to a delay of at least a month after the elections in establishing the new administration.

But the gap has been criticised as being too long and Mr. Ozal has said he hopes to reduce it.

"I believe it will be possible to reduce this period. That is all I can say. There is a possibility," the prospective prime minister told reporters after seeing Gen. Evren Tuesday.

Newspaper columnist and Motherland Party sources have criticised the delay in establishing the new government, during which major foreign and domestic issues have arisen which Mr. Ozal has had no say in.

## French 155mm gun en route to Lebanon

PARIS (R) — France is sending a ship with a 155mm artillery piece to its contingent of the multinational Peace Force in Lebanon, informed sources said Tuesday night.

The ship, which left the southern port of Toulon Monday night, carries a self-propelled 5-gun piece mounted on a tank base. It is expected to be delivered by the end of the week.

It has a 15-20 kilometre range and will give the French contingent a longer reach if required, the sources added. Until now, the French contingent had only light anti-tank guns and was unable to respond to artillery bombings.

In September, French positions and buildings in Beirut were under fire from unidentified batteries. On Sept. 22, French Super-Endur fighter-bombers from the Foch carrier attacked artillery batteries in an area controlled by Syrian troops.

## Palestine week to be held in U.K.

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Palestine cultural week will be organised in London from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1st.

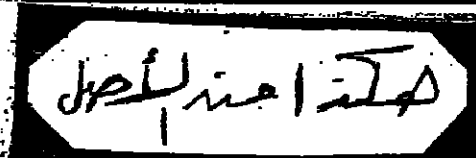
The event, which is sponsored by the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding (CAABU), features Palestinian folk dancing, a poetry recital, seminars on the Palestinian problem and other related activities.

## Junblatt: Raids will escalate Lebanon conflict

BRUSSELS (R) — Lebanese socialist leader Walid Junblatt said Wednesday that acts of revenge such as last week's French air strike on camps in northern Lebanon could lead to an escalation of the conflict in his country.

Mr. Junblatt, here for a meeting of the Socialist International, also told reporters he deplored U.S. charges that Syria was behind a suicide attack that killed more than 200 members of the American forces in Beirut a month ago.

Thursday's and Friday's Daily Guide does not appear in today's issue due to the technical reasons beyond our control. The Jordan Times apologises for any inconvenience caused to its readers.





Mr. Jamil Shleef making a speech on behalf of the company

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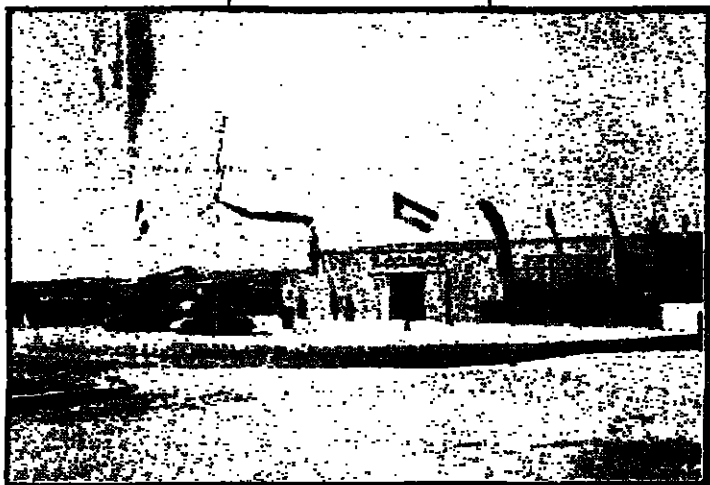
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His Excellency Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani cutting the tape at the inauguration ceremony

# HALASEH AND KERLER HEAVY EQUIPMENT CO.

By Wael Al Rousan



The company's site



Workshop equipment



Ghassan Halaseh, Krupp manager, Mr. Munther Halaseh, Mr. Maurice Keller

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani opened at noon Tuesday the headquarters of the Halaseh and Kerler Company and its exhibition of heavy equipment. HALASEH AND KERLER are general agents for the renowned West German ATLAS firm and their headquarters are at Yadoudeh, south of Amman. During the inauguration ceremony, Mr. Jamil Shleef gave a speech on behalf of the company welcoming the minister and the audience and explaining the aims of establishing a branch of the Halaseh and Kerler Company in Jordan. The company intends to work side by side with other Jordanian businesses in contributing towards Jordan's prosperity and progress, Mr. Shleef said.

Following the speech, Mr. Momani and the audience toured the various sections of the company. These include modern administrative offices, warehouses, maintenance workshops — all designed in a modern style and offering the best and speediest repair and maintenance services in the shortest possible time with due care given for workers safety.

After the tour, the minister and the audience called at the exhibition where they inspected the various cranes, excavators and mobile transporters. The West German KRUPP COMPANY is taking part in the exhibition which is displaying heavy equipment as well as Hessler Company products of computers. Hessler is undertaking the task of drawing up designs for computers and spare parts and a management system for Halaseh and Kerler.

The ceremony was attended by the West German ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz and embassy staff along with Jordanian businessmen, company managers and directors of contracting and insurance companies. WHY ATLAS?

Jordan is considered a developing country in comparison with other nations; and its people are always seeking the best quality that can facilitate their projects.

Construction and building projects require very strong equipment and machinery. HALASEH AND KERLER have conducted research and studies in Jordan and have found that the country lacks the type of equipment which they are now making available. The first step towards meeting the shortage was to open a branch of the company in Amman and to supply these machinery and equipment in accordance with the required specifications that best suit the country's needs. The study has revealed that ATLAS was the best company that manufactures these types of required machinery and equipment and therefore Halaseh and Kerler have concluded an agreement with ATLAS to supply the heavy equipment on the understanding that these machines will later on be manufactured in Jordan. Yes, the machines and equipment will be manufactured here in Jordan in accordance with the studies in which Halaseh and Kerler will take part. The purpose of all this is to find the best and most suitable machines for building and drilling operation that the country needs.

## ATLAS IS THE MIGHTIEST

In an interview, Mr. Munther Halaseh, founder of Halaseh and Kerler, outlined his company's objectives and programmes:

He said the company aims at:

- 1- Making available heavy equipment, cranes, excavators of different sizes. That is supplying all that the contractors need of heavy equipment.
- 2- Supplying spare parts for all the equipment and machines. Some of these parts are being manufactured by HALASEH AND KERLER at Yadoudeh.
- 3- Supplying spare parts for hydraulic machinery of the ATLAS type and otherwise.
- 4- Supplying maintenance experts who work for the HALASEH AND KERLER company and who had been employed by the Atlas company in West Germany.
- 5- Providing training programmes for Jordanian staff and workers so that the company will be manufacturing and maintaining equipment in Jordan.
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- 7- Providing the customers with a six-month guarantee to safeguard their rights.
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HALASEH AND KERLER is now negotiating with KRUPP to establish a factory in Jordan employing Jordanian staff.



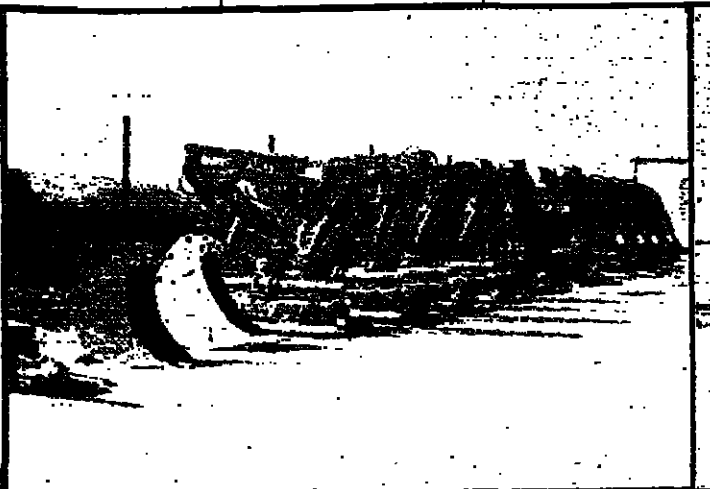
Mr. Momani inspecting parts of the company



Mr. Munther Halaseh explaining to the guests the various products on display



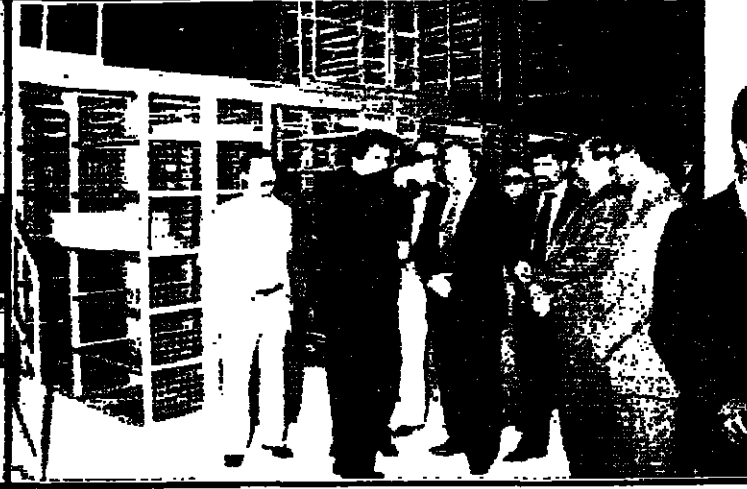
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## Tripoli's misty step

ACCORDING TO reports from Tripoli, Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has agreed in principle to a package of Saudi-Syrian proposals to end the fighting in north Lebanon. Ahmad Abdul Rahman, the chief spokesman for Arafat, told reporters Wednesday that the package included a ceasefire, the withdrawal of all Palestinian fighters from northern Lebanon and an agreement to save the unity of the PLO by dialogue. But Ahmad Jibril, leader of the Syrian-backed assault against the Arafat loyalists, ruled out negotiations with the PLO chairman and stressed that he has turned down all mediation attempts with the "traitor... who should account for his deviationism and questionable tendencies".

Whereas Jibril's attitude is all too characteristic of the man and his practices, and a clear sign that he and his backers are bent on taking their enmity towards Arafat to the bitter end, the PLO chairman's agreement "in principle" on the "Saudi-Syrian" package is deliberately vague. The loyalists are not in a strong enough position to dictate terms to either the Syrians or their opponents, and it is thus possible and understandable that Arafat would say "yes" to pulling out totally from Tripoli. There is no question that his opponents will not do the same, but Arafat is too wise to object. The maximum that he could obtain under the circumstances, it seems, is to insist upon guarantees for the protection of his Muslim allies in Tripoli once his men withdrew from the city.

The reference in the package to an agreement to save the unity of the PLO by dialogue, after the Palestinian fighters have pulled out of northern Lebanon, is perhaps what matters most. Arafat would take his men anywhere in order to save them from the Syrians, but he would want his organisation to remain intact in return. If this is going to be the case, then there is no wonder they are calling the envisaged Syrian-PLO agreement a package.

It is not that a Syrian-Palestinian agreement of this sort is good or bad, for Syria or the PLO, or that its implications are difficult to assess at this stage. It is whether such a deal exists or can be implemented that is not exactly clear.

We will have to wait and see.

## ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

### Al Ra'i: Evil and criminal intentions

WITH THE arrival in Damascus of Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and a mission from the Non-Aligned Movement, the Syrians found themselves in direct confrontation with the mediation efforts that seek to end the tragic events in Tripoli. The Syrians had gone back on their earlier promises given to a delegation from the Gulf Cooperation Council not to interfere in the inter-Palestinian conflict in Lebanon. It is strange to see the Syrians still insisting that they are not taking part in the conflict when their tanks and artillery have been seen pounding PLO positions in Tripoli and the neighbouring refugee camps. The denial, which came at a time when Damascus is receiving mediation efforts, reflects the Syrian regime's evil intentions and its determination to foil all peace bids to end the massacre.

In addition, the Syrians have been launching their own propaganda campaigns on radio, television and through the press against Arafat and his leadership, and in support of the PLO dissidents as they help them in their onslaught against the PLO loyalists and the refugee camps. On previous occasions, the Syrian regime had denounced these peace missions as part of an imperialist plot against them, and now we wonder what Damascus would call the Cubans, the Indians and the Yugoslavs as well as the Saudi Arabians who are involved in the peace efforts. It seems that the Syrian regime is exposing its evil and criminal intentions to the world not only by undermining the peace efforts but also by pursuing its campaign to destroy the PLO and its leader Yasser Arafat.

### Al Dustour: Unsurpassed barbarism

THE ARABS found themselves helpless in the face of Israel's invasion of Lebanon last year nor could they do anything against about its war of genocide against the Palestinian refugees in their camps and in southern Lebanon. But definitely they have no excuse now for not interfering to stop the bloody events and the massacres in Lebanon committed by Arab regimes against the Palestinians. In this respect, we warmly welcome the statement Tuesday of Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz who launched a scathing attack on Palestinian rebels in an interview published in Kuwait.

That statement is significant not only because it displays an Arab country's opposition to the acts of genocide by dissidents and their supporters but also because it bears weight as it comes from Saudi Arabia which wields a wide sphere of influence in the Arab World. The massacres have reached unprecedented proportions, and the killing of women and children in their camps can be described as the most barbaric act by Arabs against their kinsmen in modern history.

### Sawt Al Shaab: Damascus or Arafat

THE SIEGE imposed on Tripoli now reminds us of that imposed on Beirut a year ago. The same man Arafat is being besieged with his forces in Tripoli defending the Palestinians and their legitimate leadership exactly as he did when he put up stiff resistance in Beirut against the Israeli invasion. Last year's events ended up with the departure of Arafat and his men from Lebanon which the Israelis agreed to not as a show of magnanimity but because they had failed to achieve their objectives. The Syrians, however, are determined to destroy the PLO leadership but they are in addition demanding Arafat's head.

The Syrians are reported to have told the Saudi mediators that they have to choose between Damascus and Arafat. This reply from Damascus to a peace mission's efforts can only mean one thing, that the Syrians are determined to fight it out with Arafat to the end, because Arafat did not succumb to their demands nor did he accept to become a stooge of the Syrians. Damascus wants to impose its hegemony over the PLO and its fighters, to have them as a tool to carry out its evil desires in the Arab World. Arafat has refused this role and he is now being made to pay the price. The Arabs should not allow Syria to destroy the PLO leadership and the Palestinian cause to achieve its own objectives.

## RED AND BLACK

# The 'invisible hand'

IT IS often said in democratic countries that there is an urgent need for parliamentary reforms. Most notable among these is the growing and more daring calls for abolishing the House of Lords in the United Kingdom and/or replacing it with an elected one. Another call in the United States urges the reconsideration of the senators' qualifications before and after they are elected.

The second proposal merits attention. In the latter part of the 18th century, when the U.S. constitution and articles

of agreement were composed, ideas of liberty and freedom were prevalent. It was assumed that the general public or the majority cannot go wrong in electing a public official or a legislator. Thus, there is no article in the U.S. constitution which puts restrictions or imposes any prequalifications on senators.

The philosophy, of course, rests on the idea proposed by Adam Smith, the father of modern economics, who wrote in 1876 about the invisible hand.

If we allow each individual to pursue freely his selfish interests, the outcome will be, thanks to the invisible hand, a realisation of the good for all individuals. In other words, the free choice if exercised properly produces the optimal results in economics and politics.

In these days, the art of manipulating public opinion and influencing individual preferences has reached limits unthinkable to the late U.S. Presidents Jefferson, Franklin, Adams and other founders of

American Democracy. How would they have known that television can convince people to eat ice cream in winter? How could they have known that there is the full-pledged of make-believe? What would they have thought of a public official spending more than two hours in front of a mirror for a make-up job before posing in front of TV cameras?

Moreover, most senators are armed with a team of advisers and experts. They instruct and control every gesture, word and movement a senator

makes. They tell him what to answer, and what questions to raise in a senatorial committee hearings.

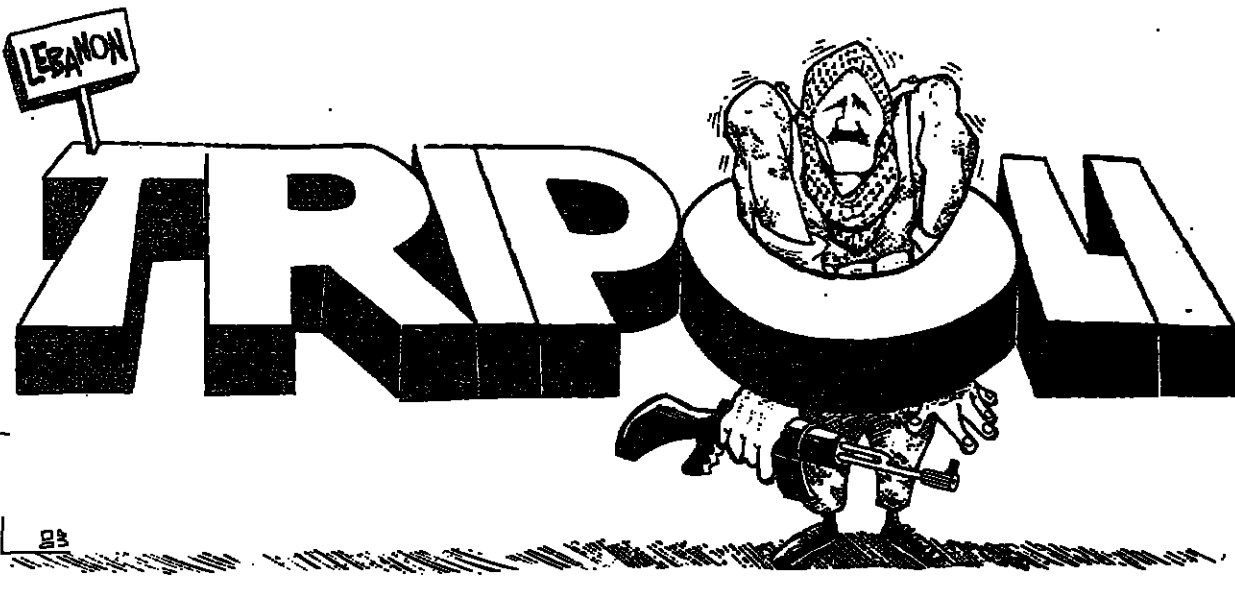
If senators are now legal persons, or companies, that represent a certain vested interest, then what has happened to the lofty ideas of the freedom and liberty seekers? Is this the optimal public choice they sought?

Most of the important decisions concerning world peace, security and welfare are handled by senators. They are the *laissez faire* explaining why the

USA did this or would not do that? Everybody is supposed to accept that on the grounds that senators represent the opinion of America.

If the "invisible hand" principle is not working anymore in economics, it is not working in politics. It is a principle which can be useful for abstraction, but in real life, it is not even an approximation.

It may prove good for the USA and the world, if U.S. senators enjoy more knowledge and courage beside publicly-manipulated support.



## Cyprus: Increasing possibility of Greek-Turkish showdown

By Neocosmos Tzallas  
 Review

ATHENS — The Turkish-Cypriot proclamation of independence in northern Cyprus has infuriated Greece and increased the possibility of a showdown with Turkey.

The new crisis in Greek-Turkish relations is also expected to show the two-year-old Socialist government in Athens who its real friends are in the world.

Turkey is the only country that has officially recognised the new state declared by Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denkash last week. Cyprus, a Mediterranean island of 600,000 people, roughly four ethnic Greeks to one ethnic Turk, has been a bone of contention between Greece and Turkey for at least three decades.

An independent sovereign nation since 1960, Cyprus has never been free from intercommunal tension and violence, with Greece and Turkey backing their ethnic groups on the island.

The two countries came to the brink of war in 1974, when Turkey sent troops to occupy northern Cyprus, claiming that a Greek-

backed coup attempt threatened the constitutional rights of the minority Turkish-Cypriots.

All diplomatic contacts between Athens and Ankara over the Cyprus problem and other pending issues have been frozen.

Greek officials have hinted that Athens could go as far as severing diplomatic relations with Turkey if the tension persists and Turkey continues to back the newly-proclaimed state in Cyprus.

Greece described the Turkish-Cypriot state a "pseudo-state", an illegal creation of what it called "armed aggression" nine years ago.

A U.N. Security Council resolution ruled that the establishment of the new state was invalid and asked the Turkish-Cypriots to withdraw the declaration of independence.

Greece has started calling up some classes of army reservists in the framework of long-planned exercises and has sent warships on manoeuvres in the Aegean Sea.

Few observers in Athens believe Turkey will back down from its support of the Turkish-Cypriot state.

Some diplomats here, however, believe Turkey could be using the

issue as a bargaining card to get some major concessions, perhaps more U.S. military and economic aid, in return for a backdown in Cyprus.

Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu warned of "serious consequences" for the region after Turkey speedily recognised the new state.

The fresh Greek-Turkish tension over Cyprus is just the latest in a long series of disputes that have repeatedly threatened the cohesion of the south-eastern flank of NATO of which Greece and Turkey are members.

The complex disputes include airspace control and territorial rights in the Aegean, the exploration of the Aegean Continental Shelf and the treatment of minorities in Greek Thrace and Istanbul.

These differences have already held up the establishment of a NATO headquarters in Larisa, central Greece, similar to that now operating in Izmir, Turkey.

Greece refuses to set up the command saying that NATO should first define air traffic control responsibilities in the Aegean area.

It also refused to take part in

NATO manoeuvres in the Aegean because the alliances did not include the Aegean island of Lemnos in the exercises. Greece said this was the result of pressure by Turkey which argues that international treaties forbid the island's militarisation.

In the two years it has been in power, Mr. Papandreu's Socialist government has pursued a vocally anti-Western foreign policy, while wooing the Eastern bloc and the Arab countries at the same time.

It refused to endorse Western sanctions on Poland, blocked a European Community decision to condemn the Soviet downing of a South Korean airliner, and opposed the deployment of new U.S. nuclear missiles in Europe.

Political observers say it is too early to tell if the Cyprus crisis will shift Mr. Papandreu's foreign policy orientation back to the West.

The United States' prompt denunciation of the Turkish-Cypriot decision may help improve Greek-U.S. relations ruffled by issues including Greece's role in NATO, the future of American military bases in Greece and the deployment of U.S. missiles in Europe.

## Halfway UNESCO decision on communications

Associated Press

PARIS — The Soviet Union and the United States made major concessions at the end of a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) communications debate recently that many participants agreed was largely free of the polemics that had characterised discussions on the issue for nearly 10 years.

The actions followed a week of difficult negotiations at the UNESCO which it became clear that no agreements could be reached on Soviet and U.S. resolutions.

The withdrawal of the resolutions as well as one by East Germany made it possible for a UNESCO commission to approve by consensus a communication programme for 1984-85 drawn up by Director-General Amadou Mahtar M Bow and his staff.

The programme is to be submitted to a plenary session of UNESCO's General Conference, where approval is considered certain. The Soviets agreed to withdraw a resolution that would have put new curbs on press freedom and included a call for UNESCO to draw up a blacklist of media organisations whose reporting has violated guidelines that the organisation laid down in 1978.

The U.S. resolutions that were withdrawn dealt with jamming radio broadcasts and with the linkage between free flow of information and fundamental human freedoms.

The East German proposal covered contributions that journalists can make to form public opinion on issues such as nuclear war and disarmament.

"We may have reached the point where UNESCO can handle communications issues without the tension that has been there since 1976," said Leonard Sussman, a U.S. delegate. "We went from damage limitation to getting some of our own ideas in the programme, and not just us but others (Western nations) as well."

Representatives of Western media groups were not as optimistic, pointing out that there were still phrases in the documents that could lead to codes of conduct for journalists, protection of journalists and attempts to define a new "right to communicate."

They expressed concern about another UNESCO commission that was considering codes for all transnational organisations within UNESCO's sphere of activities. In UNESCO debates, "transnational" usually means the major international news agencies, but it also could cover commercial, cultural or scientific groups.

Gerard Bolla, UNESCO's assistant director-general for communications, welcomed the tone of the debate, noting that it did not focus solely on news agencies and newspapers.

"If I underline the fact that books, radio, television and film received the attention they deserve during the debate, it is because too often these discussions have focused on the press and journalists," Mr. Bolla said.

Britain succeeded in having included in the draft a recognition of the idea that a new world information and communication order is an evolving and continuing process and not a concept that has to be imposed immediately.

The British also succeeded in making it clear that UNESCO was not "striving to bring about this order," as the original language said, but simply "charged with exploring it."

The director-general and a loose coalition of Soviet and some Third World nations that support the proposed order say they want to rectify an imbalance in the flow

of news. They maintain this flow is dominated by Western-based media, whose values do not always serve the needs and interests of less-developed nations.

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# Haniyye: In Israel democracy stops at the Green Line

'Long live the Palestinian pens that express the justice of our Palestinian cause,' reads a poster carried by a group from the Association of Arab Journalists in the occupied territories. The association, led by Mr. Akram Haniyye, editor of east Jerusalem's daily newspaper, *Al Sha'ab*, aims to defend West Bank journalists' rights, often threatened by heavy hand of the Israeli censor. Mr. Haniyye, 30, is a former member of the now outlawed National Guidance Committee. He spent three-and-a-half years under town arrest and 31 days in jail, for what he calls "political revenge." During his arrest, Mr. Haniyye maintained his position as editor of *Al-Sha'ab*, working out of Ramallah instead of the newspaper's east Jerusalem headquarters. Mr. Haniyye was born in Ramallah, studied at the University of Cairo, worked in Amman for three years at the Jordanian *Al Sha'ab*, and was also correspondent for the *Kuwaiti Al Watan*. In 1978 he returned to Jerusalem and started to work for *Al Sha'ab*, where he rose to the position of chief editor two years later. Press censorship and limits on circulation of some Palestinian journals are among the restrictions which Mr. Haniyye says the Israeli authorities are using to try to eliminate the Palestinian press in the territories. Nevertheless, three dailies, and several weekly and bi-weekly magazines manage to roll off east Jerusalem presses more or less regularly. Mr. Haniyye's daily *Al Sha'ab* was first published in Jerusalem in 1972. Its headlines generally cover Palestinian affairs inside the territories and abroad. Local news, Arab and international news, investigative articles, editorials, sports and a great deal of translation from the Hebrew newspapers fill *Al Sha'ab*'s six pages. *Al Sha'ab* has a circulation of approximately 5,000, competitive with the other two Palestinian dailies. Each issue is typically passed on to another 15-20 friends, relatives and students. Correspondent Jennifer Frey of the Cyprus-based Middle East Times spoke recently to Mr. Haniyye at his east Jerusalem office about the difficulties facing Palestinian journalists.

Q: Who are the Palestinian journalists, and how do you go about getting the news?

A: We have approximately 90 journalists throughout east Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. Most are young, and over 90 per cent have university degrees. All the newspapers are stationed in east Jerusalem, as here we are under Israeli rule and can obtain a licence fairly easily. We are rather a close-knit group.

We sent reporters out to cover whatever is happening, especially what concerns our people; often we are arrested in the course of our work. One of our journalists was arrested, sent to court and

finned for inciting a demonstration in a Jerusalem college, which in fact he was simply trying to cover.

Another colleague was summoned by the military government 92 times last year.

In the case of the poisonings of school children in the West Bank last spring, an *Al Fajr* journalist was the first to have the story, but was accused by military governor Shlomo Ilyia, at an international press conference of encouraging the hysteria.

We are not free, like Israeli or foreign journalists, to cover the news, so we must often rely on the reporting from Israeli journalists.

Q: Mr. Haniyye, a newspaper is,

among other things, a forum to debate political opinion and express the struggles of a people. Do you see the aims of *Al Sha'ab* and the other Palestinian papers as directed along the same lines?

A: Of course we want our newspapers to express the hopes and dreams of the Palestinian people. We want to demonstrate our interest in having a state, and publish opinions which speak to these issues. But the Israelis view this as "incitement," which is not our intention at all, and impose censorship and other restrictions.

Q: What censorship rules do the Israeli authorities impose?

A: The Israeli power to censor, without giving us an explanation, is based primarily on the Emergency Defence Laws issued by the British mandate authorities in Palestine in 1945. Back then, when the British used it against the Jews, Menachem Begin called it fascism.

They also ban many of our papers from being distributed in the West Bank and Gaza, which is slowly killing us.

Q: How is the actual process of censorship carried out on a daily basis?

A: First of all, we must follow the directive from the chief censor which warns that, "anything which can see the sun" must be sent to him. This includes cartoons, sports and advertisements.

We begin to put the paper together at 7:00 p.m., sending two copies of each article with our driver to the government press centre to be checked. By 8:30 or 9:00 we receive back the first parcel and send another. This continues throughout the evening, until about midnight.

Q: On a typical night, what percentage of your copy is censored.

and what can you do in recourse? Are you able to appeal to the chief censor?

A: There is no typical night. It all depends on the mood of the censor. If he has quarrelled with his wife, we're in for a bad night.

Generally though, they concentrate on anything dealing with Palestinian affairs, especially in the West Bank and Gaza, and anything which exposes Israeli measures taken against our people. All this will be cut immediately.

This amounts to about 3-4 columns regularly, and up to six on a bad night.

We can call the chief censor to appeal our case, but it's difficult to call him at home at midnight, and usually he says "come in tomorrow." By then it's too late.

Q: What is the impact of the censorship on your newspapers and readers?

A: It is very bad. We lose our credibility among our people. We're not allowed to show a blank space where the censor has cut, so we must fill it with trivial news like whether or not Lady Diana is pregnant.

The Mosque of Aksa is just 500 metres from our office, but we can't report on a demonstration there. We must call one of the Israeli journalists, tip him off, and reprint his story the next day. Only since 1979 are we allowed to reprint articles already appearing in the Hebrew press, without the scrutiny of the censor.

Q: But even under these conditions can you get around censorship and manage to print most things that are important?

A: No, of course not. We have some ways of manoeuvring, but always within a very narrow margin. Plus the news we finally get is 24 hours late, and represented

through Israeli eyes.

It is also very depressing being forced to rely on Israeli journalists. Like any newspapermen, we want to get a scoop. But even when we have the best leads, we must give it to Israeli radio, TV or the papers. One of the Israeli journalists said to me recently half-jokingly that he would have to share his salary with me.

Q: The Hebrew press is often accused by Israelis of being too leftist and critical of the Israeli government. If this is so, I'd imagine that a good number of Israeli journalists would rally to your cause.

A: No. Our experience with the Israeli press has been depressing. As individuals some have stood up for us. But the newspapers as a whole often try to incite the Israeli public against us by claiming we are financed by the PLO. Of course this is ridiculous.

When I was arrested by the authorities along with two other editors, no one spoke up to let the public know that three journalists were being prevented from working. No one thought it their duty to show solidarity with us. They care about Anatoli Shcharansky's grandmother, but not about us.

Finally, just two months before our ban was lifted, we were visited by a group of Israeli journalists.

Q: Could you compare the press situation in the occupied territories with that in other Arab countries?

A: The Arab world press never claimed to be free. It is no secret that the Syrian, Iraqi and Algerian papers are all government-owned. Israel, on the other hand, claims to have a free press. But in Israel, democracy stops at the Green Line.

There is no such thing as rel-

ative freedom. There is only freedom, and the lack of it or restrictions.

It is better for the Israelis to have harsh censorship than to deny us licences or close the newspapers completely. In this way, their image stays less tarnished, while we lose credibility among our readers.

Q: At a time when Palestinians are under occupation, are without rights and national homeland, encouraging and maintaining a semblance of national unity would seem to be top priority. If so, how do you deal with internal conflicts such as the rift within Fatah, and, closer to home, inter-factional clashes between nationalists and, for example, Muslim fundamentalists in West Bank universities? Does the Palestinian press encourage journalists to report and editorialise freely on this type of issue, or are there areas of self-censorship?

A: We always try to report the news fairly and objectively, but without aggravating the differences.

As for the split in Fatah, our position was clear from the beginning. We always said that we are against external Arab intervention in Palestinian affairs, and stand in support of a unified PLO.

Q: Do you hold any other political views which might be reflected in *Al Sha'ab*?

A: I want a Palestinian state led by the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people. This is our top priority. Other questions, such as the possibility of an association with Jordan, can be discussed after the establishment of our state.

I'm not asking for something too big or unthinkable, just a state.

## Randa Habib's Corner

### TV's jigsaw slide show

The new way of presenting the news on television is good, and here I am talking about those small frames that appear on the side of the screen simultaneously as the announcement is made. Yes, this idea is good because it makes the news more dynamic.

The same applies to the weather forecast. Nowadays we are entitled to a more colourful one regarding the temperatures in different parts of the Kingdom, instead of the simple enumeration of towns and temperatures, now we see slides representing Amman, the mountains, the desert and Aqaba.

Yes, I truly believe that this new way is by far more lively than the other.

However I still have some reservations concerning the slides that accompany the news. Sometimes these are not very explicit and one has the impression that some are presented just because the presenters have no idea what to put. Following are two examples that I found quite astonishing.

While the announcer was introducing a new invention in the medical field, I saw on the upper left corner of the screen a slide representing a... bed; and one that really looked like a hospital bed but it has no apparent relation to that invention.

You have got to admit, however, that the idea is far fetched. It seems that the film that should have accompanied this information and which was shown during the following news broadcast was not available for the eight O'clock news.

Another example is that about an information concerning a telephone conversation between two heads of state. What was the slide we saw? The photos of the heads of state in question? Of course not. This would have been too easy. No, it was a telephone, beautiful, square and classical, that was shown instead.

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## SPORTS

Seeds collapse continues  
in NSW Open tennis match

SYDNEY (R) — Canadian Carling Bassett and West German Claudia Kohde became the latest seeded casualties in the New South Wales (NSW) women's Open tennis championship here Wednesday.

Bassett, seeded fifth, crashed to 19-year-old Puerto Rican Gigi Fernandez — a professional for only 10 days — 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in an enthralling third round battle.

But big-hitting Kohde, seeded ninth, was dismissed comfortably in two sets by Britain's Anne Hobbs in their second round clash.

Hobbs, often infuriatingly inconsistent, found her best form to

win 6-4, 7-5 and then admitted: "I didn't surprise myself. I always believe I have the ability to beat players of her class."

Four seeds have now gone out of the \$150,000 tournament in the last 24 hours. Tuesday top seed Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia and seventh-seeded Barbara Potter were beaten by unranked opponents.

Fernandez, who borrowed money from her father to travel here and play, took her earnings to over \$4,000 since turning professional with a brilliant win over Bassett.

Ranked 154th in the world, the 19-year-old Puerto Rican looked to be on her way out when she dropped the first set. But Bassett failed to hammer home her advantage and allowed Fernandez to level at one set all.

Then Fernandez, who has played mainly in qualifying events in the last three months, swept to victory in the final set with a series of accurate, sliced backhands.

Hobbs' win carried her into a third-round match with compatriot and number three seed Jo Durie Thursday, while Fernandez will clash with Australian Elizabeth Sayers — who knocked out Mandlikova — in the quarter-finals on Friday.

Sayers' excellent form continued as she dismissed American Shelly Acker 6-4, 6-4, once again making a mockery of her 104th world ranking with a dazzling centre court display.

## Smyslov leads in world chess clash

LONDON (R) — Vasily Smyslov of the Soviet Union took a strong position Tuesday night in the first game of his World Chess Championship elimination match with Zoltan Ribli of Hungary.

Although Ribli twice declined the offer of a draw by the adjournment only Smyslov had winning possibilities.

Experts said Ribli could probably achieve a draw when the game resumes.

Smyslov, 62, appeared to be very relaxed, and was smiling when play began, but Ribli's assistants said the 32-year-old Hungarian was nervous.

Smyslov used an old-fashioned approach against Ribli's queen's Indian defence, leading to a much sharper game than experts had forecast at such an early stage in the match.

Ribli's seconds said he had no special preparation ready for the line Smyslov used, and the Hungarian played much more slowly. Nevertheless, Ribli achieved an excellent position and, in a brief exchange after Smyslov's 26th move, appeared to have declined the offer of a draw.

They began with spectators still buzzing over Viktor Korchnoi's stunning win Tuesday night.

## Sibson outclasses Jiminez

LONDON (R) — Tony Sibson, Britain's World Middleweight Boxing Championship contender, earned cheers and boos when he stopped Puerto Rican Manuel Jiminez in eight rounds here Tuesday.

Sibson, beaten by world champion Marvin Hagler last February, next February defends his European title against Louis Acares of France, who was in the audience Tuesday night to watch Sibson in relaxed mood against an inferior opponent.

Sibson attacked non-stop until

British referee Harry Gibbs decided to save Jiminez from further punishment with 35 seconds of the eighth round left.

But the Briton failed to put Jiminez on the floor and never looked like doing so in an anti-climatic fight. Jiminez came equipped with plenty of courage and, as Sibson's third choice opponent, predictably lost every round.

"Anyone else would have been knocked out by some of the punches I landed — and that probably goes for Marvin Hagler as well," Sibson said.

## Title bout postponed

SEOUL (R) — An injury to World Boxing Council (WBC) light-flyweight champion Chang Jung-Koo of South Korea has forced his title defence against Thailand's Sot Chitalada to be postponed. Chang's handlers said Wednesday.

Chang sustained an abdominal injury in training last week and the fight is expected to be put back from Dec. 3 to Dec. 18. But the Korean boxing commission, although confirming the bout had been postponed, could not confirm the new date.

## Olsen to join Manchester United

MANCHESTER, England (R) — Danish soccer international Jesper Olsen will leave Dutch side Ajax Amsterdam next summer to join Manchester United, the English first division club announced Wednesday.

United are expected to pay Ajax £500,000 (£750,000) for the 22-year-old winger, who will receive £200,000 (£300,000) for a three year contract.

Olsen preferred United to Lon-

don clubs Tottenham and Arsenal and Italian side Fiorentina, who had all bid for his services.

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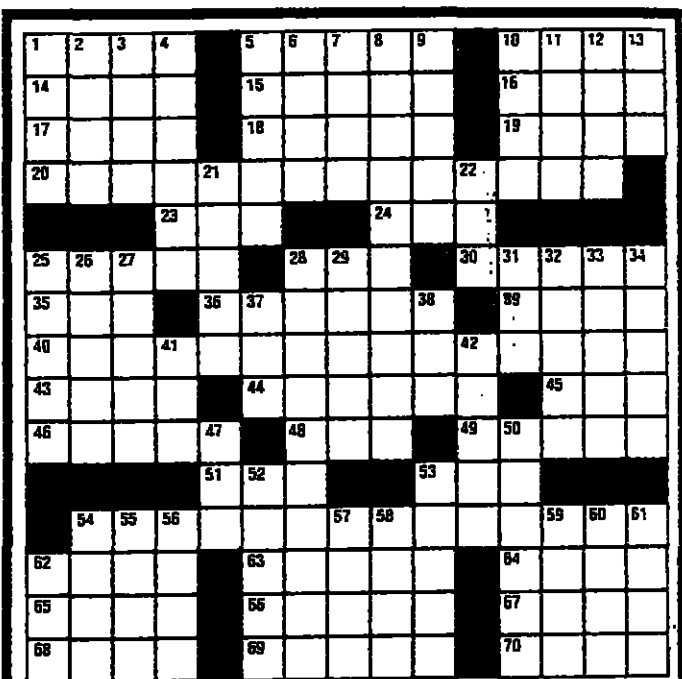
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## WORLD

Chinese leader's visit  
angers Japan rightists

**TOKYO (R)** — Chinese Communist Party chief Hu Yaobang arrived in Japan Wednesday on a visit intended to strengthen bilateral relations as right-wing groups staged anti-communist demonstrations in the capital.

Police said about 8,000 riot police were put on alert to prevent violence by the right-wingers, about 200 of whom used loudspeakers to chant slogans against the visit.

During his eight-day stay, Mr. Hu, the first Chinese Communist Party head to visit Japan, will have meetings with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone Thursday and on Saturday.

Foreign ministry sources said they would discuss security in Asia including the possibility of Soviet missiles targeted on Europe being transferred to the Far East as part of an arms reduction accord with the United States.

They will also discuss ways of maintaining peace in the Korean Peninsula where tension mounted after the Oct. 9 bomb blast in Rangoon which killed 17 top South Korean officials. Burma blamed North Korea for the blast but North Korea has denied responsibility.

The foreign ministry sources said Mr. Hu was expected to brief Premier Nakasone on China's relations with the U.S. and the Soviet

Union, while latter would describe recent visits to Japan by President Reagan and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

## Hu describes family

The Chinese Communist Party leader Wednesday disclosed details of his family for the first time, describing his wife as an old lady and saying they had five grandchildren.

Mr. Hu told a news conference in Peking before leaving for Japan that his wife, Li Zhao, recently retired from working in the textile industry and that they had four children in their 30s and 40s.

The private lives of Chinese leaders are usually top secret and are never discussed in the press. "It is not really our custom to ask such questions (about families)," Mr. Hu said. "But because they are well-intended and so long as you do not make it into important news, I will answer them."

Mr. Hu, 68, said he married in the communist base of Yan'an which flourished in the late 1930s and early 1940s. "My wife is an old lady by now," he added.

Two sons as well as his daughter had one child each in accordance with China's family planning policy. But his eldest son had two children, born before couples were banned from having more than one child, the party general secretary said.

All his children and their spouses had been to university, except one. They included a historian, an economist, a doctor and a member of the People's Liberation Army, Mr. Hu said.

Among those seeing him off at the airport were his daughter and two grandchildren wearing sailor suits. His daughter said she worked for the Chinese medical association.

Mr. Hu was also asked how he remained healthy. "It must have something to do with the hard testing I went through in the long revolutionary struggle," he replied.

"I am probably weak compared with strong people of my age but I am strong compared with people who are weak," he added.

"You cannot remain full of vigour without rhythmic work which keeps you busy and without maintaining an optimistic outlook. I have not studied any scientific knowledge on remaining healthy," he added.

Mr. Hu also said he liked to read sports news and took a special interest in major competitions.

## Chinese deny Holt was their spy

**PEKING (R)** — The Chinese foreign ministry Wednesday officially branded as "sheer fabrication" a claim that former Australian Prime Minister Harold Holt spied for China.

British author Anthony Grey alleged in a book published in London Tuesday that, contrary to general belief, Mr. Holt did not drown while swimming near Mel-

bourne in 1967 but was picked up by a Chinese submarine.

Questioned about the report, a ministry spokesman said: "That piece of news is sheer fabrication. It is not worth commenting upon."

Mr. Grey, a former Reuters correspondent who spent two years in solitary confinement in Peking during the cultural revolution, said he based his book "The Prime

Minister Was A Spy" on the testimony of a retired Australian naval commander.

He alleged that Mr. Holt, who led a liberal government from 1966 until his death, spied for the Nationalist Chinese and then for Peking for almost 40 years.

Mr. Holt's widow has dismissed the report as "poppycock."

Sri Lankan  
leader faces  
Delhi protest

**NEW DELHI (R)** — At least 2,000 Indian Tamils, including 17 Members of Parliament, Wednesday staged a demonstration against Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene, who is attending the Commonwealth summit here.

The parliamentarians, carrying black flags in protest against the alleged "genocide" of Tamils in Sri Lanka, deliberately sought arrest and were detained along with about 500 other protesters for defying a ban on marches in the region of the summit conference centre.

Riot police kept the demonstrators well away from the summit complex.

Chewing gum promoters  
in Singapore at a loss

**HONG KONG (R)** — Chewing gum can help prevent skin wrinkles and road accidents, according to one manufacturer.

The South East Asian subsidiary of the American Wrigley Company, hoping to wriggle out of what looks like a sticky sales problem in Singapore where the government has added chewing gum to its list of social evils, insists the habit is good for you.

"If women chew gum for five or six minutes a day, they'll get less wrinkles because of the exercise of facial muscles," said Wrigley's Hong Kong marketing manager Peter Tang.

"Studies in the United States have also shown that gum chewers are more attentive when they

drive and less likely to fall asleep," he added.

Singapore has warned it may become the first country to ban chewing gum because it costs \$75,000 a year to remove old gum from the walls and floors of housing states. It has already banned radio and television advertisements for gum.

Mr. Tang said Wrigley's Singapore branch planned to chew the matter over with the government. "We are stunned by the Singapore move. We just don't understand it," he added.

Wrigley, which has cornered the market in Singapore and Malaysia with estimated total sales worth \$2 million a year, said the problem was not the product but people.

## Millions commemorate Kennedy

**WASHINGTON (R)** — Americans remembered President John Fitzgerald Kennedy on the 20th anniversary of his death Tuesday at emotional services here and around the nation.

Saying "We miss you Jack and we always will," his brother Sen. Edward Kennedy spoke in tribute to the former U.S. leader at a mass attended by President Reagan and broadcast live to the nation over television.

There were other memorial ceremonies at Mr. Kennedy's home town Boston, and at Dallas, Texas, where the 46-year-old president was shot by gunmen. In Arlington cemetery here thousands filed past his grave.

His brother said that when President Kennedy died the world united in grief and "Moscow wept with Boston and Dallas."

Speaking from a white pulpit before a red tapestry and gold cross in Washington's Holy Trinity church, with Mr. Reagan look-



king on from the first pew, Edward said his brother "has been made a legend, but we remember him as a man."

President Kennedy's widow Jacqueline Onassis was not present but was reported to be with his mother, 93-year-old Rose Kennedy, at the family home in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, where a private mass was held later Tuesday.

Mr. Reagan said in a statement: "We all remember the bright smile and the wit he added to public life. He was dedicated to a strong America and the pursuit of the best for all our citizens."

The Kennedy family was followed to the hilltop grave by thousands of ordinary citizens, many with tears in their eyes as they recalled the moment they heard of the president's assassination.

Dorothy Dahl of Wilmette, Illinois, said she was watching television when the news broke. "There's just no way I can put into words my feelings that day and I still feel the same way after 20 years," she said.

Mary Ford, a black housewife from North Babylon, New York, was shopping in a supermarket, Rita Sansonetti, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was clearing the house, Leonard Thomas, of Cleveland, Ohio, was stopped in his car at a traffic light.

They all called it a moment they would never forget.

## Karens to discuss French hostages

**BANGKOK (R)** — Karen secessionist rebels holding a French couple captive Wednesday called a press conference for Friday morning to discuss developments concerning the case.

The conference was announced following reports that the Karens had modified their conditions for the release of engineer Jacques Bossu and his wife Martine, kidnapped in southeastern Burma on Oct. 18.

The Karen National Union (KNU) previously insisted France end all aid to Burma.

But according to Bangkok press

reports Wednesday the conditions have been changed to French recognition of the KNU and reduction of aid to Burma or aid for the KNU if Paris insists on continuing assistance to Rangoon.

A KNU spokesman refused to confirm or deny the reports but said a press conference would be held at Wang Kha on Friday.

He refused to elaborate but said it would be in connection with the couple and told reporters "if you don't want to miss a big story, be there."

Wang Kha is a Karen stronghold on the Burmese side of

the border just across the Moei River from the Thai town of Mae Sot.

Diplomatic experts on Karen affairs said it was possible the Bossus would be presented at the conference "to put more pressure on the French to negotiate their release."

According to the press reports the Karens' latest conditions were contained in a letter handed Tuesday in Mae Sot to Jean Michel Monod, head of Bangkok branch of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

## Reagan reportedly orders staff probe

**WASHINGTON (R)** — President Reagan has ordered a Justice Department probe of his senior White House staff and cabinet officers to try to track down the source of leaks from White House meetings over the past 10 weeks, the Washington Post said Wednesday.

The newspaper quoted official sources as saying Mr. Reagan had asked Attorney General William French Smith to use all legal means including lie detector tests to find the source of stories in the Washington Post and on the three major television networks.

The leaks came chiefly from closed-door national security council meetings about the situation of U.S. Marines in Lebanon.

The Post reported on Sept. 12 that Robert McFarlane, then Mr. Reagan's special envoy to the Middle East, had recommended U.S. air strikes against Syrian positions in Lebanon to protect the Marines in Beirut.

A White House spokesman said Wednesday: "We never comment on reports of leak investigations and won't have any comments on this at all."

Soviets like  
U.S. film on  
nuclear war

**MOSCOW (R)** — The Soviet press Wednesday applauded the screening in the United States of a television drama on the effects of a nuclear war and said it would make millions of Americans oppose President Reagan's arms policies.

The film, called "the day after," had opened people's eyes and made ordinary Americans more aware of the dangers of a nuclear conflict, the Communist Party daily Pravda said.

Pravda said it was significant that the White House had been angered by the programme.

Italian priest declines to  
bury 'sinful' communist

**CASTIGLIONE DELLA VALLE, Italy (R)** — A priest who refused to bury a Communist who had "lived in sin" with a woman has caused uproar in this village in central Italy.

Father Benito Baldoni said the dead man, Bruno Bindi, 70, could not be given a church burial because he was a paid-up member of the Communist Party and, even worse, had cohabited with a woman for 18 years without getting married.

"As a man and a Christian I prayed for the deceased, but as a priest I couldn't authorise a religious rite. The church has had

precise rules about such cases since 1400," Father Baldoni said. Monsignor Cesare Pagani, archbishop of nearby Perugia, backed the priest's decision, and said "he only did his duty."

"In a little village like ours, where 70 per cent of people vote Communist and 100 per cent are baptised, such episodes are intolerable," party official Domenico Brizzarelli said.

Outraged villagers said that the priest had given a full service for the local dentist, who also "lived in sin" but had fought with Franco's fascists in the Spanish civil war.

'Mad dog' attacked church,  
N. Ireland police believe

**BELFAST (R)** — Police hunting gunmen who sprayed a Protestant church with bullets on Sunday, killing three men, say Ireland's most wanted man, Dominic "mad dog" McGuinness, could be behind the attack.

Police sources say they believe the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), thought to be led by 29-year-old McGuinness, carried out the attack on the church at Darkley, near the border with the Irish Republic.

The organisation, which could number as few as 20, was formed in the mid-1970s when the Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrilla organisation, fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, split for the second time in a decade over whether to concentrate on

political or military action. The INLA, a staunch supporter of military action, quickly built up a reputation for reckless and savage attacks.

The most spectacular was the bombing of a Northern Ireland bar last December when 11 off-duty British soldiers and six civilians were killed.

Last year the INLA was responsible for 29 deaths, compared with 42 for the much larger IRA. McGuinness, called "mad dog" by both friends and enemies, is wanted for questioning in connection with a string of killings since the mid-1970s, when he was a member of an IRA gang led by Frank Hughes, who later fasted to death during a hunger strike.

## COLUMNS 7 &amp; 8

## Palace menus like English football

**LONDON (R)** — A meal at Buckingham Palace, home of Queen Elizabeth, is likely to be boring, fattening and inappropriately French, a respected British food critic says. "Bombe" and "creme" for desert, lamb in rich sauces, and pate de foie gras are palace favourites, according to "Good Food Guide" editor Drew Smith. But the queen has not served the costly national favourite, roast beef, for six years, he says. "The palace menus, all in French, are about as innovative as the English football team's attack," Mr. Smith says in the latest edition of his guide, a survey of restaurants and eating habits, to be published next week.

## Ford to pay aggrieved parents

**CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (R)** — A jury has ordered the Ford Motor Company to pay more than \$100 million to the parents of a teenager who died after her Mustang II burst into flames when it was hit from behind. The jury found after an eight week trial that Ford was negligent in the design of the 1974 car and in failing to warn owners of the danger of fire from a rear-end collision. It assessed \$6.8 million in actual damages and \$100 million in punitive damages against Ford for the death five years ago of Devary Durnill, 19.

## Indonesians ignore national language

**JAKARTA (R)** — Bahasa Indonesia, the country's national language, is used by only 12 per cent of the total population on a daily basis, according to a government minister. Minister for Population and Environment Emil Salim revealed this when he addressed a national conference on the Indonesian language being held here, a ministry spokesman said. Bahasa Indonesia, officially introduced 55 years ago, is spoken only by one out of two people in Java, where 62 per cent of Indonesia's 150 million people live. Mr. Salim said.

## Firemen idle as station burns down

**ALFRED, Ontario (R)** — Red-faced firemen had to watch the village fire station burn down because an electrical failure jammed its door and they couldn't get their fire engines out. Alfred fire chief Rhea Saave confessed to reporters after the blaze: "It's pretty ridiculous that you can't stop a fire because its burning up the firefighting equipment."

## Lynx helicopter owners cautioned

**LONDON (R)** — The British makers of the Lynx military helicopter have advised customers to restrict flights to those of operational necessity after a crash involving the aircraft's civil offshoot. The Lynx is used by the armed forces of several countries, including France, Brazil, the Netherlands, Denmark, Nigeria and Argentina. Britain's Defence Ministry said it was limiting use of 174 Lynx helicopters by the army and navy to essential flights.

## THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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## EXTREMITIES

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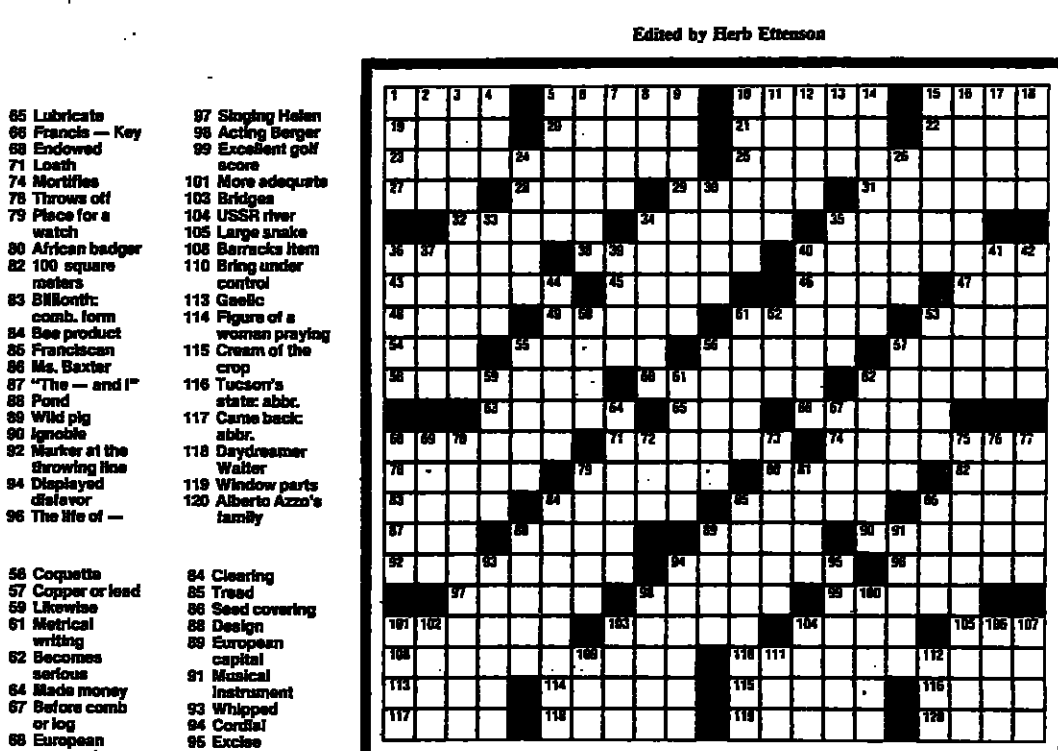
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- 11 Every item
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## Diagramless

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Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Rascally fox fled from forest fire for fierce flames frightened him exceedingly.
2. Travelers were unavailably held up in the air above snowy alps.
3. Teacher cloaks his thumb with hammer. Bad words result, but with good grammar.
4. Musician finds opportune moment for drum practice.

## CRYPTOGRAMS

1. SROEHV KUROEXM KUDO MXICCV SIJDCADE VIMOK IJADE UCDHYV, JDE SRHERAOIC, KDREAM. — By India M. Sperry
2. XJN ILLED DULLARIT ARUUD DN UNIT CD XL JCEL OJNDL EPCOOLE OB VNEKLVRCUD. — By Lois B. Jones
3. TEKX NYCDU TDFCSJDX CJEFUDUDQX GDIX AJDDX NYCXYA TYJ TPKE ASEB. — By Earl Ireland
4. QBZ KOW HIZKAP UZZL EIZNNQZLN ON BOILPI ABOY EIHAZUJOEN YZYI. — By Norton Rhodes

